



PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Docket No: A8452

David MONTAGUE, et al.

Appln. No.: 10/769,774

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Examiner: Tony H. Winner

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For: MANUALLY HEIGHT ADJUSTABLE AND ROTATABLE STEERING ASSEMBLY
FOR BICYCLES

RESPONSE TO ELECTRON OF SPECIES

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents

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Sir:

In response to the Election of Species requirement, the Applicants note that the Examiner has grouped Figure 2a and Figure 5 as both within Species I. If the Examiner adheres to this grouping, the Applicant elects Species I. The claims readable are: 1-17, 19, 20-23, 25-28, 30, 33-34, 40-42, 47-49, 51, 54-55, 80-84.

If the Election requirement is in error and the Examiner believes that Fig. 22 and Fig. 5 comprise separate species, the Applicants elect Fig. 2a. The claims readable are: 1-2, 5-8, 10-16, 19-23, 26-27, 30, 34, 40, 42, 47, 48-49, 54-55, 80-83.

The Applicants respectfully contend that generic claims are present, for example independent claims: 1, 54, 55 and 80.

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The Applicant also traverses the Election of Species requirement at least as to the Height adjustable species since Figs. 1-12 differ essentially in the cross-section of the stem.

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